

# Dundas Valley 50-Year Vision and Strategy | 2008-2058

A community oriented strategy with a focus on preserving and enhancing the unique, culture, charm, and environment of the Dundas Valley area.

## Protect and Enhance Dundas Valley Lands

Goal: Protect and enhance the valley's ecology and natural areas



The Dundas Valley and Niagara Escarpment

### Strategic Direction

- Preserve and enhance the connectivity of ecosystems in the Valley and Explore the co-benefits of connecting with the Cootes to the Escarpment natural areas strategy



## Summary

All public and private landowners have a role to play in the conservation and restoration of the natural environment on the land they own.

The Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) is dedicated to the conservation of the natural environment throughout Dundas Valley area. Through the HCA's programs, it undertakes ecological monitoring, promotes biodiversity, regulates the watershed, conserves and acquires land, and is a leader within the community.

## Actions

- **Create naturalized and green corridors to maintain and enhance connectivity, including connecting HCA properties to Lake Ontario and Cootes Paradise (along Spencer Creek) to Webster's Falls**
- **Look at the City of Hamilton Trails Master Plan to see what linkages are shown**
- **HCA management to work with the Cootes to Escarpment Project Team to identify benefits of combining the Vision and Strategies**
- **Monitor biotic and abiotic parameters**
- **Assess the vulnerability of ecological corridors to climate change and develop action strategies**



## Notes

# Resources



## **Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation;** [www.greenbelt.ca](http://www.greenbelt.ca)

A charitable grant-making organization working to help keep farmers successful, strengthen local economies and protect and grow natural features.

## **Natural Areas Inventory;** [www.conservationhamilton.ca/natural-areas-inventory-nai](http://www.conservationhamilton.ca/natural-areas-inventory-nai)

The Hamilton Conservation Authority, and other strategic partners developed the natural areas inventory classifying land to guide human interaction and to assist in the preservation of natural, scientific, and environmentally significant areas.

## **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources;** [www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry](http://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry)

Dedicated to the preservation and appropriate use of Ontario's natural resources. Providing legislation and action towards the protection of species, fighting invasive species and all around land management for the mutual benefit of the environment and Ontario's population.

## **City of Hamilton;** [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca)

Owens and manages a significant amount of land, and possesses the ability to regulate human activity in relation to the environment, and the built environment.

## **Royal Botanical Gardens;** [www.rbg.ca](http://www.rbg.ca)

Focused on natural area sciences, and protection. A community leader in environmental land management and stewardship, as well as a major contributor of environmental educational opportunity.

## **Cootes to Escarpment;** [www.cootestoescarpment.ca](http://www.cootestoescarpment.ca)

The Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System is a collaborative initiative to protect, restore and connect more than 3,900 hectares (9,600 acres) of natural lands at the western end of Lake Ontario.

## **Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC);** [www.hamiltonharbour.ca](http://www.hamiltonharbour.ca)

A community driven organization focused on the promotion of the Hamilton Harbour and its watershed. Promoting environmental sustainability and actions.

## **Hamilton Conservation Foundation;** [www.hamiltonconservationfoundation.ca](http://www.hamiltonconservationfoundation.ca)

The charitable arm of the Hamilton Conservation Authority, assists in the funding of projects for the benefit of the environment and surrounding community; watershed wide.

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